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Letter dated 20 October 1999 from the Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw to your attention to the statement by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union on the killing of members of a humanitarian mission in Burundi, issued on 18 October 1999 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of this letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 116 (c) and of the Security Council.

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Annex

[Original: English and French]

Statement on the killing of members of a humanitarian mission in Burundi issued on 18 October 1999 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union

The European Union strongly condemns the renewed outbreak of indiscriminate violence in Burundi, the main victims of which continue to be the people of that country.

The European Union is particularly outraged at and condemns the attack on a humanitarian mission in Rutana province on Tuesday, 12 October. It is shocked by the massacre of several members of that mission, Burundians and expatriates, including two representatives of United Nations agencies, and offers its condolences to the victims' families.

It calls for the perpetrators of this massacre to be brought to justice.

The European Union wishes to make a further, urgent appeal to all the Burundian parties to put an end without delay to all acts of violence and to reach an early agreement on the terms of a ceasefire and a return to civil peace, reconciliation and democracy in Burundi.

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, the associated countries Cyprus and Malta and the European Free Trade Association countries members of the European Economic Area align themselves with the present statement.